

Remarks

Claim 38 is amended. Claims 39 and 40 have been cancelled. Claims 30-38, 41, and 42 are pending.

Claims 30-37 are indicated as being allowed. Claim 40 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 38, 39, 41, and 42 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaw-Klein et al. (US 6,036,808) in view of either WO 00/73082 or WO 00/73083 (Engle et al.).

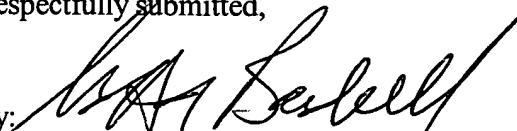
Claims 39 and 40 have been cancelled. Claim 38 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 40 into claim 38. Since amended claim 38 has been indicated as allowable, then claims 41 and 42 are also allowable as they depend from amended claim 38.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims and submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request formal notice thereof. Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below if Examiner believes that such a call would facilitate prosecution and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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